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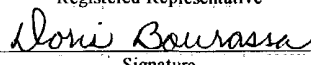
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Please note that reference AN, namely European patent EP 0813097 is in French. Therefore, applicant also has included a copy of its U.S. counterpart, U.S. patent 5781326.

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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)		
AR	Lee et al, " <i>All optical signal regeneration in cascaded Mach-Zehnder interferometer wavelength converter</i> ", pgs. 189-194, IEE Proc.-Optoelectron., Vol. 148, No. 4, August 2001.	
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